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SUBJECT: SAO PAULO OFFICE BUILDING FIRE

FIRE GUTTED UPPER 16 FLOORS OF 26 FLOOR "JOELMA" OFFICE BUILDING IN DOWNTOWN SAO PAULO THIS MORNING WITH 67 KNOWN DEAD, INCLUDING ONE AMERICAN, AS OF 3 P.M. BUILDING SERVED AS HEADQUARTERS FOR THE CREFISUL FINANCIAL GROUP IN WHICH THE FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK OF NEW YORK HAS A 45 PERCENT INTEREST. OF THE 6 AMERICANS WORKING FOR CREFISUL, ONE IS KNOWN TO BE DEAD, MR. WILLIAM FRANZ WILLIAMS. BANK HAS ALREADY NOTIFIED HIS NEXT OF KIN. THE REMAINING 5 AMERICANS, ARE NOT YET ACCOUNTED FOR BUT IT IS BELIEVED THAT NOT ALL OF THEM WERE IN THE BUILDING AT THE TIME THE FIRE STARTED. ORIGIN OF FIRE UNDETERMINED ALTHOUGH PRESS REPORTS STATE IT BEGAN IN BUILDING'S AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM ON THE LOWER FLOORS. AS OF 3 PM SAO PAULO TIME TODAY THERE WERE 67 CONFIRMED DEATHS. FLAMES WERE EXTINGUISHED ABOUT NOON TIME AND FIREMEN ARE NOW IN PROCESS OF SEARCHING BUILDING FOR OTHER VICTIMS.

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